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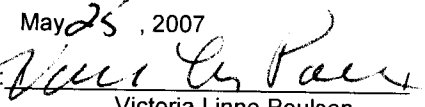
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For:

Strengthening Materials,
Strengthening Laminates, and
Composites Comprising these
Strengthening Materials

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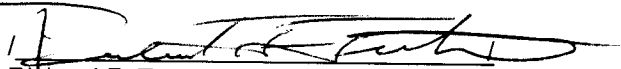
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